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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 4, 2003

To declare Hand Dance the official dance of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Hand Dance is a popular, vibrant renewal of music and dancing originating from the 1950's and 1960's and passed on to successive generations;

WHEREAS, the art of Hand Dance was created, developed, promoted, expanded, and has been sustained in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance promotes physical and mental health through a safe and low impact aerobic exercise for people of all ages;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance has encouraged cross-generation and cross-social/economic interactions, thereby helping to foster a strong, inclusive and diverse community;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance helps youth develop the physical skills of agility, coordination, and flexibility and the social skills of cooperation, conflict resolution, consideration and respect;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance has and continues to generate tax revenue from the entrepreneurship associated with the art of hand dance;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance venues throughout the Metropolitan area are places where one can go and feel comfortable and safe;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance is an art form with myriad steps and different foot patterns which, in conjunction with many turns and body movements, requires time, practice and much effort;

WHEREAS, unlike many forms of dance and styles of music, Hand Dance will and shall survive in the District of Columbia; and

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WHEREAS, the Smooth and Easy Hand Dance Institute (“SEZ”) has served as a catalyst for the resurgence and popularity of Hand Dance both locally and nationally, due almost solely to the hard work and dedication of the SEZ, hand dance is recognized and sanctioned as swing dance and is included in swing dance events throughout the United States.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Hand Dance, the Official Dance of the District of Columbia Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia, congratulates all those who have contributed to keeping the Hand Dance legacy preserved and for achieving national recognition in this endeavor. The Council of the District of Columbia urges all District residents to learn, practice and Hand Dance.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.